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For: LEVEL SHIFTER HAVING AUTOMATIC DELAY ADJUSTING FUNCTION

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 8, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct Species:

Species A Figure 2; Species B Figure 4; Species C Figure 6; Figure 7; Species D Figure 8; Species E Species F Figure 10; Species G Figure 11; Figure 12. Species H

Applicants elect Species A, with claims 1-3 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on

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the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the nonelected claims 4-12, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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